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SUBJ: MEETING OF MTN SUBGRP ON SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES: SUMM
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1. MTN SUBGROUP ON SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES MET
NOV 10-13. MEETING DEVOTED TO QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS
OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS. WHILE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE
OF CIEWS WASNOT WITHOUT INTEREST, DISCUSSION REVEALED DELEGATIONS
NOT MUCH FURTHER ADVANCED IN IDEAS THAN OUTLINED
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IN WRITTEN PROPOSALS. FUNDAMENTAL POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES

REMAIN FAR APART. BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS MAY HELP NARROW SOME DIFFERENCES PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING ALTHOUGH EC PRIVATELY SEES NO WAY OF APPROACHING A SOLUTION IF AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES ARE INTENDED TO BE COVERED BY GENERAL SOLUTION.

2. DISCUSSION WAS PRIMARILY ON CONCEPTUAL LEVEL WHICH AVOIDED SOME SENSITIVE ISSUES. HOWEVER, EC, IN REPLY TO AUSTRALIAN INTERVENTION AND CONSISTENT WITH POSITIONS IN OTHER MTN MEETINGS, STATED ITS BELIEF THAT DISCUSSIONS OF SUBGROUP DID NOT APPLY TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. U.S. FORCEFULLY RESPONDED TO EC POSITION AND ISSUE WAS NOT PURSUED (EC PRIVATELY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ITS PROPOSALS ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES DID APPLY TO ALL PRODUCTS, CONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF GATT ARTICLE VI). BORDER TAX ISSUE RAISED BY EC QUESTION ON APPLICABILITY OF US PROPOSED PROHIBITED CATEGORY TO NEW YORK STATE SALES TAX. US RESPONDED THAT QUESTION TOUCHED ON ONLY PART OF LARGER AND MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN UP IN MTN, PERHAPS IN SEPARATE SUB-GROUP OR FAILING THAT, IN SUBSIDIES/CVD CONTEXT. (SEPTEL FOLLOWS)

3. SOME DELEGATES RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER EXPLORATION OF PORTIONS OF US PAPER IN NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING DEFINITION OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES (CANADA), SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOLS (EC AND CANADA), COUNTERMEASURES FOR THIRD COUNTRY COMPETITIVE SUBSIDIZATION (AUSTRALIA) AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT FOR LDC'S (INDIA, BRAZIL). MAJOR CRITICISMS FOCUSED ON IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WITHOUT MEANINGFUL INJURY TEST, UNILATERAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION, AND LINKAGE OF SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ALSO RAISED ABOUT COVERAGE OF SUBSIDY CATEGORIES.

4. CHAIRMAN'S SHORT SUMMING UP REFLECTS FACT THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE WITH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THAT THERE WAS CONSENSUS OF GROUP THAT POSSIBILITIES EXISTED FOR DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S IN THIS FIELD. DELEGATES WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT FURTHER PROPOSALS, QUESTIONS OR REVISIONS OF PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

5. MORE DETAILED REPORTING CABLE WILL FOLLOW. WALKER
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